

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: NORTHWEST IOWA POWER COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. E-21451
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ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued February 23, 2001)

On June 5, 2000, Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative (NIPCO) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition requesting an electric franchise for 9.59 miles of 69,000 volt (69 kV) nominal voltage electric transmission line in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 478.6, a hearing is required if objections to the franchise petition are filed or if eminent domain is requested.

No objections to the franchise are on file, but NIPCO in its petition requested eminent domain over some property. Therefore, the Board will assign this proceeding, identified as Docket No. E-21451, to a presiding officer. The presiding officer will establish a procedural schedule and perform other necessary functions pursuant to 199 IAC 7.1(4).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. E-21451 is assigned to a presiding officer pursuant to
199 IAC 7.1(4).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23rd day of February, 2001.